

WYOMING

1. Universal Primary School Study of a Second Language – Every elementary school in Wyoming must offer the study of a second language to every child in grades K-2, based on a law passed by the Wyoming Legislature. Programs to link the K-2 study with existing secondary programs are being developed.
2. High School Graduation Requirements – Beginning with the graduating class of 2006, every student who wishes to receive a regular high school diploma must demonstrate some proficiency in a language other than English.
3. Delivering World Languages Using Technology – For the past five years, high school Russian has been delivered to high schools around Wyoming over the state's interactive video network. The classes are offered daily. Students and instructor see and hear each other at all times. Beginning this academic year, other languages will be offered to high school students in small schools around the state on the Wyoming Equality Network, a network linking all high schools in the state on an interactive video system
4. Virtual Fieldtrips and School-to-School Collaboration Through Technology – For several years, ending last year, two Wyoming high schools participated in a program called SAXoPhone. The program originated in upstate New York and involved the two Wyoming high schools, two New York high schools, one Florida high school, a high school in Dallas, a high school in Great Britain and one in Sweden. The students met 4-5 times each year, exchanging ideas and participating in common learning experiences. One example was a series of two video conferences centered around Lois Lowry's novel *The Giver*. The students in all locations read the novels, then discussed them together. The second video conference featured the author herself, who discussed with the students her intentions and their interpretations of her work. This program may continue, but the Wyoming schools no longer participate.
5. Student Exchange – Many school districts in Wyoming send exchange students overseas with the Experiment in International Living/World Learning, and Rotary. The Natrona County School District in Casper for the past three years has exchanged staff and students with Jin Cai High School in Shanghai.

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